

Cases of Economic Offence Investigated by CBI

2743. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) how many cases of economic offence were investigated by the CBI during the last five years;
- (b) out of them in how many cases charge sheets were filed and in how many cases convictions took place;
- (c) in how many of them exoneration was granted; and
- (d) the number of cases pending for the last ten years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) According to the information furnished by the Central Bureau of Investigation, during the last five years, *i.e.* 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, it registered 1179 cases pertaining to economic offences.

(b) Charge sheets were filed in 609 cases out of which 51 resulted in conviction.

(c) None of the case has resulted in exoneration.

(d) A total of 660 cases are pending investigation.

Central Government Pensioners

2744. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Central Government pensioners;
- (b) the reasons for not granting one per cent additional pension for every year of service after 33 years to pensioners as recommended by the Fifth Pay Commission; and
- (c) the reasons for setting up of a pension fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) There is an estimated number of about 38 lakh Central Government Pensioners belonging to Defence Services, Railways, P & T and Central Government Departments.

(b) In view of the administrative, financial and legal difficulties, the Government has not accepted the recommendation relating to grant of additional pension for additional service beyond 33 years.

(c) The Vth Pay Commission has recommended that a National Pension Fund may be created with the Government setting apart 17.73% of the salary of every new entrant in service from the year 1997-98 so that their pension liability is wholly met out of the proposed pension fund. No final decision has yet be taken in this regard.

Switch over to Six Day Week

2745. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased state:

(a) whether any review has made about the effect of the five day week in Central Government offices and consumer departments on disposal of cases;

(b) whether Government are aware that the five day week results in delays and affects the public; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to switch over to the six day week for Central Government offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Five day week